

Positive Alternatives 2014 - 15 Quarterly Update

Grantee: CRADLE OF HOPE

Goal: To provide housing assistance and portable cribs to pregnant women and their babies

For the period: Apr 01, 2015 – June 30, 2015

Activity or Service	Activity or Service Description Major Work Plan Activities	Work Plan Count	Program Progress and Accomplishments Report the progress and accomplishments made this period on each activity.	Report Count
Administrative Activities	Maintain application approval process; distribute program materials as needed; maintain, train and manage volunteers; train referral agencies; maintain or replace existing Crib-sites		<p>Cradle of Hope moved in May.** The company that donates our office space moved and offered us free space if we moved with them. We happily accepted the offer!</p> <p>As part of our moving process, we not only updated the address on our applications but also re-organized the applications to capture demographic information more easily.</p> <p>A crib-site in the Univ. of Minnesota-Minneapolis area closed and combined with a crib-site in St. Paul. Luckily, we have another crib-site not far from that UofM location so this change did not affect our ability to help potential clients. (See Challenges**)</p>	
Crib Distribution/ Sleep Safety Education	Provide newborns with portable cribs (Pack-n-Plays)	116	We had a considerable increase in the demand for Pack-N-Plays this quarter. We were notified that Positive Alternatives had crib funds to offer us in the coming fiscal year, so we were able to fill more crib applications in anticipation of that money coming in July (Amendment signed 6/30/15). (**See Comments) As always, we have processes in place to be sure women are provided sleep safety education before the Pack-n-Plays are distributed to them.	159
Housing Assistance	Provide funding for housing assistance	38	We also had a considerable increase in applications for rent this quarter. We are not sure what caused the uptick in applications. However, through the increase in Rent monies given us by Positive Alternative in the previous quarter, (Amendment signed Feb. 2, 2015) we were able to provide assistance to all of the women who applied to us who met Cradle of Hope's criteria.	53

Maternal and Child Health Initiative Task Force Strategies	No.
<i>Number of women who received car seats and car seat safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received car seat safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received child abuse prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received abusive head trauma (shaken baby) prevention education from a PA funded program activity</i>	
<i>Number of women who received a baby bed, crib, or pack-n-play and sleep safety education from a PA funded program activity</i>	159
<i>Number of women who received sleep safety education only from a PA funded program activity</i>	

Challenges: **The physical move was extremely time-consuming—much more so than we anticipated—and our computers didn't get up and running as fast as we'd hoped. However, through all of these challenges, we were still able to get our clients' applications processed in a timely manner!

Comments: *We appreciate and are encouraged by the MN Department of Health's consistent support of our program—*particularly* at this time when we had such an unexpected spike in both rent and crib applications. Because of these unexpected spikes, we are *especially* grateful for the increase in our rent and now, officially applicable in July, also an increase to our crib monies from Pos. Alternatives!